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PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY BROCK ADAMS FROM AMBASSADOR KUBISCH

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SUB: ECMT 45TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, JUNE 1-3

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1. I HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY ATTEND THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT (ECMT) TO BE HELD IN ATHENS JUNE 1-3. YOU WILL BE THE FIRST CABINET-LEVEL OFFICER TO VISIT GREECE FROM THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND THE EMBASSY AND I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT YOUR VISIT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT YOUR PROGRAM IN ATHENS, ACCOMMODATIONS, AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ARE ALL BEING ARRANGED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, AND THEREFORE I BELIEVE THE EMBASSY SHOULD PLAY PRIMARILY A BEHIND-THE-SCENES AND SUPPORTIVE ROLE SO AS NOT TO APPEAR TO BE INTRUDING ON THEIR PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PARTY HAVE EVERYTHING YOU REQUIRE TO ASSURE A SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE STAY. I AM ASSIGNING OUR ACTING ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, RICHARD JACKSON, TO BE THE PRINCIPAL EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER FOR YOUR VISIT.

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3. WHILE I KNOW YOUR PROGRAM HERE WILL BE A FULL AND BUSY ONE, I DO HOPE THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY SOON AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL TO HAVE A PRIVATE BRIEFING/DISCUSSION WITH ME AND KEY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM. THIS WOULD HELP YOU UNDERSTAND AND DEAL MOST EFFECTIVELY WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT AND DELICATE ISSUES AFFECTING U.S.- GREEK RELATIONS. ALSO, CONNIE AND I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND SOME HOSPITALITY TO YOU AND MRS. ADAMS AND

YOUR PARTY AT OUR RESIDENCE HERE IN ATHENS. PERHAPS THIS MIGHT BE
AT COCKTAILS AT 7:00 PM, MAY 31ST, BEFORE YOUR FORMAL PROGRAM
BEGINS--OR LUNCH OR DINNER LATER DURING YOUR STAY IF IT TURNS
OUT THAT YOU ARE FREE. GOVERNOR BUSBEE OF GEORGIA AND ANOTHER
GROUP WILL BE VISITING IN ATHENS DURING THOSE SAME DAYS.

4. I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN. BRING YOUR
TENNIS SHOES IF YOU WANT A GAME WHILE YOU ARE HERE.
KUBISCH

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